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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV VISIT TO POLAND

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1. BULGARS ARE PLAYING UP ZHIVKOV VISIT TO POLAND IN EVEN MORE GLOWING TERMS THAN THOSE USUALLY USED FOR VISIT TO WARSAW PACT ALLY. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY IN PRESS CONTINUES ALONG LINES OF NOVEMBER 19 RABOTNICHESKO DELO STORY ENTITLED "UNITY, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION." EMPHASIS IN COMMENTARY IS IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INCLUDING EXPANDED EXCHANGE OF GOODS, COORDINATION OF NATIONAL PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEMA DIRECTIVES, AND COOPERATION IN IMPORTANT FIELDS SUCH AS CHEMICALS, ELECTRONICS, SHIP BUILDING AND HEAVY MACHINERY.

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2. ACCORDING TO BULGARIAN MEDIA COMPLETE AGREEMENT REACHED ON ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON "DYNAMIC COMMON EFFORT NECESSARY TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS OF BUILDING SOCIALIST SOCIETY AND FURTHERING WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT." ALTHOUGH THIS COMPLETE UNITY OF VIEWS IS ECHOED IN COMMUNIQUE, WE NOTE COMMUNIQUE TENDS TO FOLLOW POLISH FORMULATIONS ON QUESTIONS SUCH AS VIETNAM AND MIDEAST, RATHER THAN MORE STIDENT TONE ADOPTED BY ZHIVKOV IN PAST. NO MENTION MADE, FOR EXAMPLE, OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS AND THIRD SECTION OF COMMUNIQUE DEVOTED TO USSR IS SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRAINED IN PRAISE THAN WE ARE USED TO READING IN SOFIA.

3. BULGARS APPEAR TO BE PLEASED BY VISIT, AT LEAST ON RESULTS OF BILATERAL ISSUES, AND WE SUSPECT THAT ANY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT MAY HAVE EXISTED HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT TO THEIR SATISFACTION. AT SAME TIME NO FURTHER LIGHT HAS BEEN SHED ON WHAT, IF ANY, MESSAGE ZHIVKOV IS CARRYING ON HIS SWING THROUGH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN THIS RESPECT MEDIA COVERAGE OF POLISH VISIT HAS FOCUSED LESS ON "SOCIALIST UNITY" AND HAS TENDED TO PLACE VISIT IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO FRIENDLY STATES.

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